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ALLEGED RED THREAT TO MATSU

Taipei, Dec. 28.
Communist Chinese warships are moving toward the Formosa Strait from central and northern China coast, the Nationalist military information service reported from Formosa's off-shore island of Matsu today.

The official news agency, quoting a spokesman of the garrison command of Matsu, said the re-deployment of the Red Chinese naval units along the coast showed a Communist intention to attack the Nationalist-held off-shore island of Matsu in the northern end of the Formosa Strait.

The spokesman said the Red soldiers facing Matsu have also stepped up construction of artillery positions. The positions "are obviously designed to accommodate large caliber artillery pieces," it said.

"All these facts," the spokesman said, "point to the Communist intention of attacking the off-shore island of Matsu."

Policeman shot down

Paris, Dec. 29.
A Paris policeman was shot and seriously wounded in the neck on Wednesday night as patrolmen tried to check the identity of a group of Algerians on the Left Bank Rue St Jacques. His assailant, an Algerian, escaped.

A police car had halted in front of a small hotel mostly occupied by Algerians, and police halted a group of five for an identity check.

All five broke and ran. Two were quickly captured, but three others dashed up a gateway toward the roof. One of them turned and fired a revolver at the policeman who was pursuing them, hitting him almost point blank. In the resulting confusion, the trio escaped. —AP.

20 passengers slaughtered by Balubas

Elisabethville, Dec. 28.
Hundreds of rebel Baluba tribesmen on Wednesday massacred at least 20 Africans in three vicious attacks on a UN guarded train taking schoolchildren home for New Year vacation, a Katanga Government spokesman said.

Scores of others were injured and many of the passengers were kidnapped by rebels after the attack, which occurred during the early hours in three south Katanga townships. Initial reports reaching Elisabethville were totally confused but the Katanga Government spokesman said it had definitely been established that at least 20 persons were killed.

It was not known whether any of the dead were children or how many people were injured or kidnapped.

300 aboard

The spokesman said the train, which was taking about 100 children to their homes in western Katanga for the New Year vacation, left Elisabethville on Tuesday with about 300 passengers on board. It was protected by a strong guard of UN Swedish troops.

A UN representative here refused to make any comment on the reports about the train because the official UN spokesman for Katanga was absent from Elisabethville. The representative said he was unable to give any information what had happened to the Swedish soldiers.

When the train reached the western Katanga town of Kamina this evening, only 40 persons were on board. The spokesman said the attacks by rebels occurred at the towns of Luena, Mukulakula, and Bulama — all lying on a 30-mile long stretch of railway line about 150 miles west of Elisabethville.

The first attack took place at the station of Luena. Three passengers were killed there and many kidnapped. The station was pillaged and a quantity of bloodstained clothing was found later in the station environs.

Several of the African women passengers — many were

mothers of children travelling on the train — were raped. — AP and AFP.

Bing's son father of child

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.
A jury has decided singer Bing Crosby's son, Dennis, is the father of a divorcee's illegitimate daughter.

Dennis, 20, had admitted intimacies with Mrs. Marilyn Miller Scott but denied fathering her three-year-old daughter, Denise Michelle. The jury deliberated one hour and 37 minutes on Wednesday before voting nine to three that Dennis was the father. After the verdict by the nine mothers and three fathers on the jury, Crosby sat disconsolately for several moments in the courtroom.

When asked his opinion of the jury's decision, he said: "What can I say? They are the jury. They made the decision."

Outside the courtroom, Mrs. Scott, a Hollywood divorcee, married with her blonde daughter and posed for pictures. The child, clenching a rag doll, smiled happily as flashbulbs popped.

The decision by the jury did not have to be unanimous because the trial was a civil, not a criminal action. —AP.

EUROPEAN IN ALLEGED BID TO SELL PASSPORTS

A 35-year-old European, Peter Noel Vesey Newsome, appeared before Mr. T. J. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning on a charge of falsely pretending that he could sell five American passports for \$30,000.

He pleaded not guilty and date for trial was set for January 25. Newsome, who was said to be unemployed and of British nationality, was said to be residing at 17K Far East Mansion.

The charge stated that Newsome attempted to obtain \$30,000 from Ng Yin-fan, described as a detective inspector.

The offence was alleged to have occurred on November 15 at the Peninsula Hotel.

Newsome, who has surrendered to the police, was on bail of \$300. Detective Inspector R. P. Style appeared for the police.

Car prices may rise

London, Dec. 28.
British car prices are likely to rise in the new year to offset a fall in sales in both the home and export markets, it was stated here today.

Forecasting this as a "strong possibility," a British Motor Corporation spokesman said "there is absolutely no prospect of any reduction in the price of any BMC vehicle." —China Mail Special.

CHRISTMAS EVE TRAGEDY

Geneva, Dec. 28.
A mother who went out into the forests near Sion on Christmas Eve to get a Christmas tree for her seven children has been found frozen to death. She apparently slipped and fell into a ravine, breaking a leg. —China Mail Special.

COLONY TO MAKE TIENTSIN CARPETS

A new million-dollar carpet factory, which will be set up early in the New Year, will manufacture carpets of a kind formerly only made in Tientsin, China.

Tientsin carpets are world-famous. They are different from other carpets in that the woollen piles are securely knotted in the back so that they will never come off.

CHRISTMAS WARNINGS REDUCE ROAD TOLL

London, Dec. 28.
Deaths on British roads during the five-day Christmas period totalled 127 against 215 last year, official figures disclosed today.

Government and Press warnings against drinking while driving, fine weather, and dry roads were apparently responsible for the dramatic reduction in the road toll.

But traffic experts tonight stressed that the pre-Christmas "office party" had again emerged as the biggest single factor in the accident rate. They pointed out that the largest number of deaths this year, as in 1959, occurred on the day and night that people celebrated before going home for Christmas.

WELL BELOW

This year's biggest toll—40 dead—was on December 23 when there were parties all over the country in offices and factories on what was the last full working day before Christmas. Last year the comparable "drinking day" was Christmas Eve when 71 people were killed or died of injuries.

Every day this year, however, the holiday toll was considerably below last year's figures and road safety and motoring organizations were today certain that the campaign against drinking while driving had achieved some success. —Reuter.

Badly burned sailor rescued

Manila, Dec. 28.
A badly burned crewman was taken off the "Liberian" tanker World Jury today by a destroyer of the U.S. 7th Fleet about 250 miles southeast of Manila.

A U.S. Navy spokesman said the U.S. Sproston, a destroyer, rushed to the aid of the World Jury tanker, identified as "World Joy" at 27 knots.

The tanker sent distress signals reporting a "series of explosions" aboard the vessel and reported several crew members injured, one seriously. —UPI.

21st child

Leicester, Dec. 28.
Mrs. Edith Hill, a 46-year-old grandmother, said today after giving birth to her 21st child: "This is my last."

The baby, a boy weighing 7 lb 13 oz, raised the total of her children lying to nine boys and 10 girls. Two children died in infancy.

Mrs. Hill married at 16, and her eldest son is now 30. Her husband is a postman. —AP.

Our poor Red prawns

New York, Dec. 29.
The "Nation" magazine devotes an editorial to its current edition to "The saga of the headless prawns" in Hong Kong.

After outlining the export conditions prevailing in Hong Kong because of the U.S. embargo on material coming from China, the editorial goes on:

"It is distressing to report that attempts to segregate, tag and register Hongkong ducks have failed—a U.S. consular official

said it was 'hopeless.' On the other hand, a slight success was achieved in the case of prawns, of which 425 million pounds were sold to the United States in 1958.

By arrangement with the British, Hongkong prawns were decapitated before export, thus distinguishing them from Communist prawns. But one day an American consular officer who had occasion to visit Hong Kong's Central Fish Market, was thrown into consternation when he saw that more than

a third of the displayed prawns, mostly from China, were headless. The export of prawns was forthwith cut-off, and America was saved from a deadly menace."

The editorial also suggested, with tongue-in-cheek, that the Hongkong water supplied to American warships there should be "de-communized" since the native Hongkong water is commingled with a supply from China—before it is given to American seamen or American boilers. —AP.

A CURE FOR DISPEPTIC STOMACHS

FOR the many who were intrigued by the cryptic sign of the star entwined in a question mark, the Christmas holiday has given ample opportunity to satisfy curiosity. For the many who have still not seen the Exhibition of the Three Christmases at St John's Cathedral Hall, there is still time. We urge it as a good but brutal cure for dispeptic stomachs and lingering alcoholic remorse. There are the authentic sounds of Wanchai and even the smell of Hong Kong. You have heard much in recent years of the shocking contrast in living standards of its people. Some would have us believe that it is something to be ashamed of, although we in Hong Kong are proud to have given so many destitute people an alternative to starvation and homelessness. But we cannot rest on our laurels. Neither do we want to. And the ever-present spur to greater effort is symbolized most aptly by this exhibition of the way in which three types of people celebrated Christmas—Him, us and them.

THE rationalist can shrug off the stark contrast with the argument that most Chinese do not celebrate Christmas anyway or that nothing we can ever do will appreciably narrow the gap between sleek, well-fed luxury and filthy, sorrowful poverty. Conceals him both parties, but we would still be failing in our duty if we were to give up without trying. The slums of Wan-

COMMENT OF THE DAY



chai and Shamshuipo and the squatter huts of Tai Hang are a standing reproach to the community as a whole. It has been the past been renowned for the way in which it has accepted tough challenges—and made good.

This is the problem to which the people generally and Government in particular will have to address themselves in the new year with even greater concern than in the past. The criticisms made of the Housing Authority's disappointingly slow progress earlier this month reflect the frustration that many are beginning to feel. Hong Kong is simply not

getting on with the job of rehousing and resettlement fast enough.

ELABORATE plans and reports come to light from time to time but they take too long to materialize. Meanwhile, as if to accentuate the contrast in living standards, international hotel companies splash out millions on land, design fabulous buildings, seal contracts and begin construction, as if every moment mattered. The conclusion is unavoidable that where profits provide an incentive, progress is fantastic, but not otherwise. What Government must also encourage to a very much greater extent than in the past is higher wages in the lowest brackets. It should also seek to abolish the old custom whereby workers are paid in kind rather than cash. Much improvement has occurred with this year but Government cannot leave the raising of living standards to chance. What is required is a phased and gradual plan for wage improvements.

THE relevance of the exhibition at St John's Cathedral to living conditions in Hong Kong's slums will be obvious to all who see it. It was a visual sermon for churchgoers on Christmas day, but it is a picture we all ought to keep in mind throughout the coming year—the slum to which the slum-dweller is being taken.

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JUIN LASHES OUT AT DE GAULLE

Urges Frenchmen to reject home rule for Algeria

Paris, Dec. 28.

Marshal Alphonse Juin today bitterly assailed President Charles de Gaulle's programme for Algerian home rule, and in effect urged Frenchmen to vote "no" in the forthcoming referendum.

The Marshal spoke out in an open letter to the President in which he reviewed and criticised De Gaulle's Algerian policies since the President's return to power two years ago. Marshal Juin made copies of his letter available to various newspapers and agencies.

He said that De Gaulle had destroyed the chances for a "fraternal Algeria" by his offer, in September, 1959, of self-determination. This meant, he said, that the whole basis of

"It no longer concerns, as you indicated 15 months ago, a close union for economic affairs, education, defence, and foreign relations within a federal structure, but the foundation of an Algerian state with its government, its institutions and its laws—in other words, an entirely independent state," Marshal Juin wrote.

RIVAL ATTEMPTS

He said that the President is now asking Frenchmen to approve via the referendum "a decision instituting an independent state in Algeria, with dramatic consequences for France, Algeria, and the free world."

He predicted that the departure of France from Algeria would quickly invite rival attempts by the Soviet Union and the United States to extend their influence in the area and fill a vacuum left by France.

He said that the French in Algeria who decided to leave would face a bleak and uncertain future in metropolitan France despite all the government's pledges to protect their interests.—AP.

MARSHAL JUIN

Algeria's government was again called into question. Moslems who were loyal to France suddenly no longer knew where they stood.

THREE CHOICES

In September 1959, De Gaulle suggested three choices for a future Algeria: complete independence, home rule with association with France, and complete integration as part of France.

In his latest statement on Algeria, Juin continued. De Gaulle eliminated integration—the choice of most European residents of Algeria—as untenable.

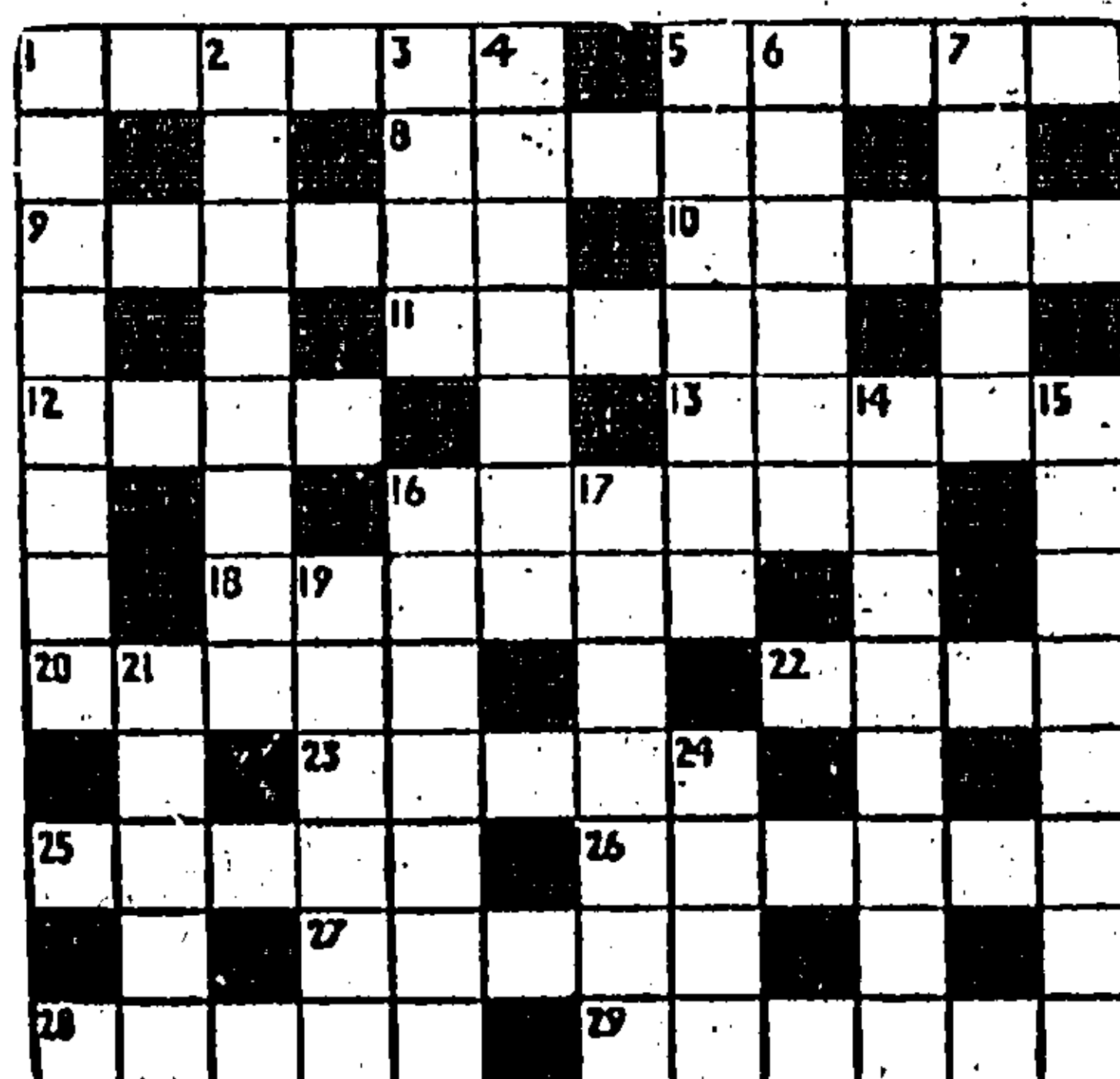
On January 8 Frenchmen will be asked to approve De Gaulle's plan for an interim autonomous regime in Algeria pending ultimate self-determination.

Marshal Juin complained that association as now envisaged would be much looser.



GEN. DE GAULLE

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Mr K's capital. (6)
- 5 Offensive operations. (5)
- 8 Secure firmly. (5)
- 9 Lounged about. (6)
- 10 No consonant. (5)
- 11 Number of days. (5)
- 12 Dig out. (4)
- 13 Area under dominion. (5)
- 16 Go back again? (6)
- 18 Kept out of the way. (6)
- 20 Girl's name. (6)
- 22 Get by. (4)
- 23 Marksmen's attempts? (5)
- 24 Miss Lee? (5)
- 26 Not static. (6)
- 27 Pointed endeavours. (5)
- 28 Out of humour. (5)
- 29 Noises. (5)

DOWN

- 1 Dairy worker. (8)
- 2 Shell fragment? (8)
- 3 Natural deposits. (4)
- 4 Given greater scope. (7)
- 5 Treated as holy. (7)
- 6 Provided compensation. (5)
- 7 Keep on living? (5)
- 14 Fizzy process. (8)
- 15 Communications. (8)
- 16 Some bacon. (7)
- 17 Soccer passes. (7)
- 18 Goes to see. (6)
- 21 It's often unpleasant. (6)
- 24 Fair. (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Amid, 7. Peter, 8. Obese, 9. Alto, 10. Defence, 12. Roof, 13. Time, 14. Arena, 15. White, 22. Oven, 23. Divor, 24. Gull, 25. Deduce, 26. Ever, 27. Odin, 28. Ferry, 29. Dull. Down: 1. Revel, 2. Benefit, 3. Meise, 4. Dor, 5. Polo, 6. Acre, 7. Named, 8. Open, 9. Fish, 10. Saved, 11. Swag, 12. Tilt, 13. Reduced, 14. Over, 15. Ideal, 16. Stern, 17. Urtu, 18. Land.

New clashes feared in Belgium

Brussels, Dec. 29.

New clashes are feared today in mass demonstrations planned in Belgian cities after a flare-up of violence between angry strikers and gendarmes yesterday.

One of the leaders of the Socialist-led anti-austerity strike movement—which plans its biggest rallies today in Brussels and Antwerp—said: "We are expecting new clashes with police and some trouble."

Publication of the nation's newspapers was threatened when the Socialist-dominated book and paper union called on printers and lithographers to strike today. The Catholic printers' union at once appealed to its members to stay at work. Belgian railways said last night that they would re-open services to France today, with one train daily to Paris and back. The services were broken off last week.

A meeting of strikers in Ostend last night was told that from today dockers at Dover would stop unloading the Ostend-Dover car ferry, in sympathy with the Belgians.

A spokesman for the International Transport Workers' Federation, whose headquarters are in London, was to give about £107,000 to support the strikers.

The toughest clash so far of the widespread strike, now entering its tenth day, came yesterday in Ghent.

STONED

A group of demonstrators stoned gendarmes who had ejected them from gas and electricity company offices.

Eyewitnesses said the black-helmeted riot police counter-attacked with tear gas bombs and thunder flashes.

One woman was treated in hospital for a rifle butt wound on the head, and several others received first aid.

In another clash at Ghent a milling crowd enveloped two gendarmes, who were "captured" by strikers, disarmed, and taken to the town hall.

Strikers marched them off saying they would be kept as "hostages" to dissuade the arrest of demonstrators, but the two men were released about an hour later, without their rifles.—Reuters.

'Cinderella On Ice'

Aboard m.s. Polarhav, Dec. 28.

Members of the second South African Antarctic expedition aboard this 658-ton Norwegian vessel celebrated Christmas with a pantomime featuring a 200-pound bearded "Cinderella."

The pantomime "Cinderella On Ice" was a special Christmas Eve feature while the ship was caught in the Antarctic ice. It followed an inter-denominational church service aboard the ship.

The Polarhav later broke into open water and on Boxing day sailed into its base in Queen Maud land. It will take back to South Africa members of the first expedition, who have been in the Antarctic for the past year.—China Mail Special.

Stumbling block

Washington, Dec. 28. Congress would probably remain a stumbling block to any proposal which might be made by the Kennedy administration to share United States atomic secrets with France, political observers commented today.

Dispatches from Paris today suggested that, in the wake of its third atomic explosion, the French Government might make a new approach to the incoming administration.—Reuters.

Police chief in contempt

New York, Dec. 28. New York Police Commissioner John E. Hennessey was ruled in contempt of court today for failing to obey a court order barring him from assigning some of the officers to duties which usually involved higher pay and rank than they received.

He was given ten days to abide by the order.

MAY BRITT TELLS WHY SHE WED SAMMY DAVIS

New York, Dec. 28.

Swedish actress May Britt says she married Negro entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. not to revolutionise the world, but simply because she loves him.

In a by-lined article in the January issue of Ebony magazine, the blonde Miss Britt tells her husband "a beautiful man" who has made her feel "far different inside than I've ever felt before."

She had been warned that the marriage might ruin her career and future happiness, she relates in the article.

"Why I Married Sammy Davis Jr.," but says she paid no attention.

"Why I have been asked, would I risk all that for this one man? The answer, to me, is very simple. I love him."

EUROPE DIFFERENT
And the only reason given me why I shouldn't marry him is because of the racial difference, which seems to be a problem here in America but not in my native Sweden. Actually the whole of Europe looks at it through different eyes than America.

"I never thought about marrying a coloured person before, because I never really knew any before. I don't think I even met any before I met Sammy."

Miss Britt tells of her first meeting with Davis at a party, and how they quickly became interested in each other.

When the time came to introduce him to her parents, Mr and Mrs Hugo Wilkens, Miss Britt says, "I had a little speech prepared for the nervous occasion. But she never spoke the words because Davis and her father liked each other from the beginning."

"Of course," she writes, "I know now that even if my parents had been against it, it would still marry Sammy, but it is better if they are with you."—AP.



MAY BRITT

NAVY COULD HAVE DONE BETTER

New York, Dec. 28.

A United States naval witness testified today that navy men could have put out last week's huge fire on board the U.S. aircraft carrier Constellation in half an hour—if New York City firemen had not interfered.

The witness, Chief Machinist's Mate John Rutledge, was giving evidence before a naval court of inquiry investigating the blaze at Brooklyn navy yard on December 19, in which 49 workmen died and damage estimated at \$75 million was caused to the nearly-completed \$275-million vessel.

Yesterday, the New York Fire Commissioner, Mr. Edward Cavanaugh, told the inquiry that the ship was in such a "stoppy" condition that he would have ordered work to be stopped and the "premises cleared up" if it had been a civilian project.

Rutledge said today that it appeared obvious to him that the city firemen had no experience in fighting shipboard fires, and that there appeared to be no unified control over the various civilian fire teams.—Reuters.

6 policemen injured

Syracuse, Dec. 28.

Six policemen were injured and several other persons suffered bruises and contusions during a clash today at Augusta, Sicily, between police and strikers.

A general strike had been called by the municipality and labour unions to protest against the moving from Augusta of a customs post, since it was felt this change would be detrimental to the city's interests.—AP.

Call to desert

Berlin, Dec. 28.

The Communist Trade Union Federation of East Germany appealed today to German members of the French Foreign Legion to desert. The appeal, published by the official news agency ADN, promised the men good jobs in East Germany if they surrender to the Algerian rebels.—AP.

'Savage killer' won't talk

New York, Dec. 28.

A subdued young bully of the streets, named as the savage killer of a little boy who refused to yield 50 cents earned delivering Christmas trees, hung his head and refused to talk when taken to police headquarters today.

"I ain't sayin' nothin'," muttered Edward Vogt, 17, in response to reporters' questions. Then he was thrust before the glaring lights of the lineup room for high police officials to view him.

Police said young Vogt, a slender, but good-looking youngster with a crop of brown hair worn in a luxuriant pompadour, admitted that he had stabbed to death Robert Guitart, 14.

HEARING

Vogt bit his lip in silence today as a judge held him without bail.

Magistrate Irving Schreckinger declared: "If what I've heard and read is true, this is one of the most vicious, savage, atrocious and senseless crimes ever committed in the city. If it's true, something must be menially wrong with you."

Vogt was arraigned in adolescents' court. The magistrate held him for a hearing on January 6.—AP.

Pilot's wife appeals to Sukarno

Djakarta, Dec. 28.

A young American wife spent 20 minutes with President Sukarno today pleading for the life of her pilot husband, Allan Lawrence Pope, 32 who is under sentence of death for aiding the rebellion against the Indonesian government.

Mrs. Pope, mother of two children, was flown in from Miami, Florida, to see her husband in Djakarta prison and later requested an audience with the president.

SHOT DOWN

Pope was at the control of a B26 bomber shot down over Ambon in May, 1958. He was found guilty of flying on reconnaissance, bombing and strafing missions against ships, airfields and towns, and was alleged to have killed 17 Indonesian servicemen during one mission.

His appeals are still being heard.—Reuters.

Rail strike

Rome, Dec. 28.

A 24-hour strike by engine drivers and train conductors today cut down Italy's rail traffic, while metal workers in Milan were idle for half a day.—Reuters.

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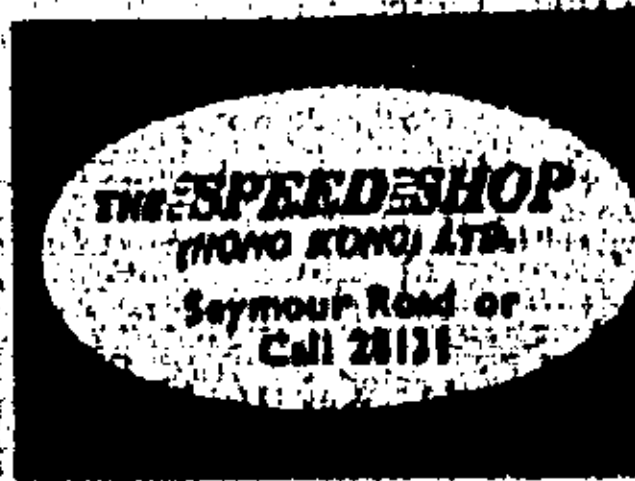
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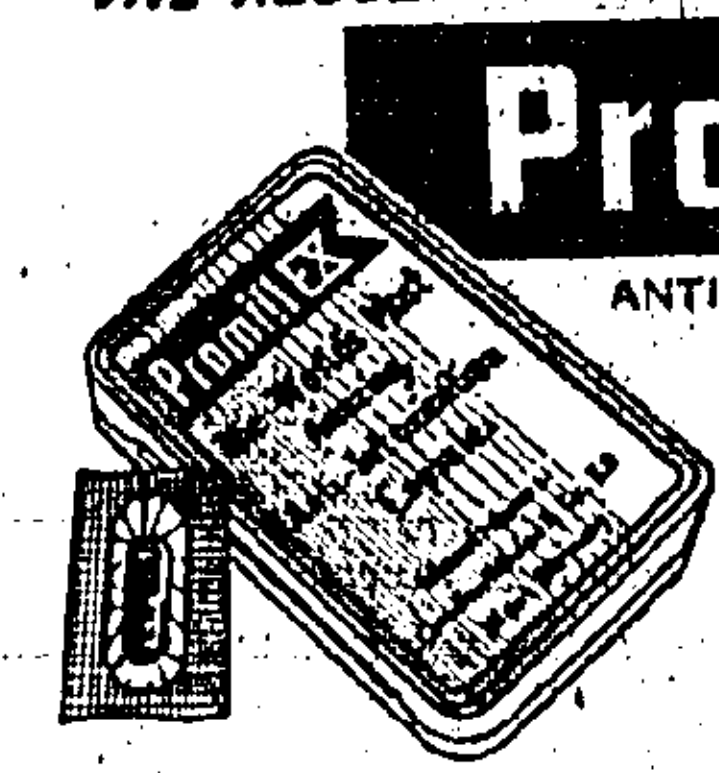
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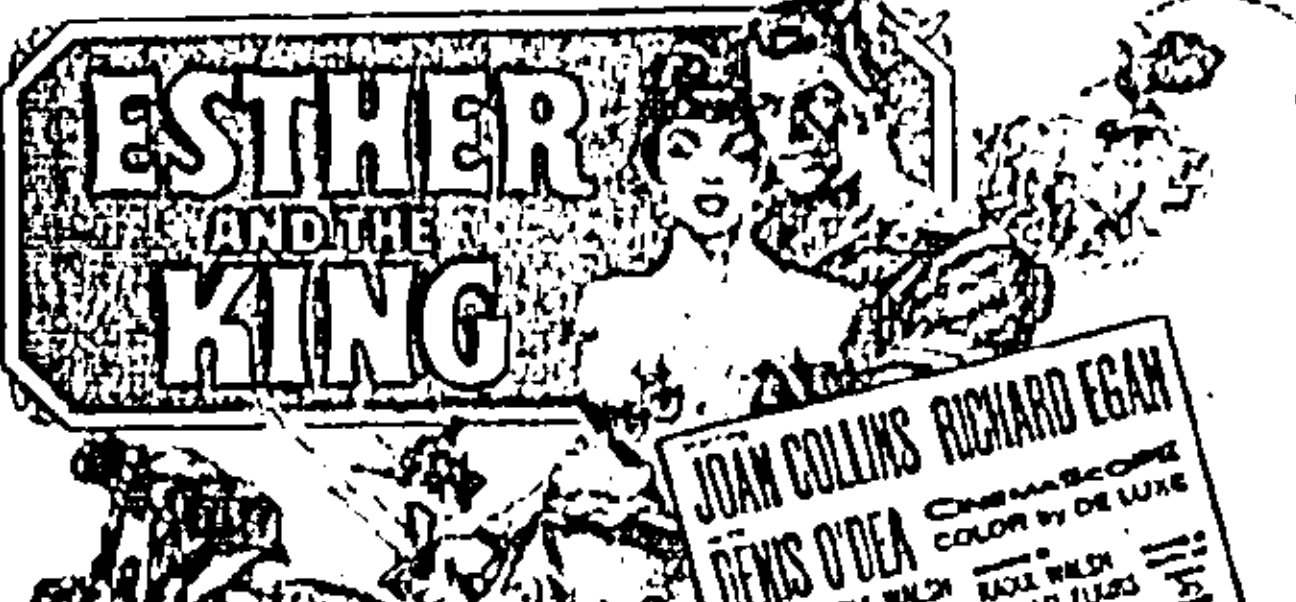
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Indonesia warns Holland over N. Guinea

United Nations, Dec. 28.
Indonesia today warned the United Nations that Dutch policy in West Irian (West New Guinea) constituted an "imminent threat to peace and security"—and Indonesia might be obliged to adopt "stronger measures" against the policy.

The warning came in a letter from Mr Sukardjo Wirjopranato, Indonesia's chief UN delegate, to the Secretary General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld.

The letter also contained a request that it be circulated as an official document so that all member states "may draw the necessary conclusions regarding the explosive situation in West Irian."

Reinforcements
The letter attacked the "increasingly ruthless policy of the Netherlands Government ... pursued in a part of Indonesia" and said that it must "inevitably lead to clashes between Indonesian and Dutch forces."

It claimed that the recent dispatch of Dutch air naval and land forces to reinforce their military defences in West Irian "proves abundantly" that the Netherlands Government was determined to perpetuate its colonial rule in West Irian despite "stronger resistance" by the people of the territory.

"In recent months, this resistance has developed into popular uprisings, strikes and boycotts," it noted.—Reuter.

Kept clients sober by hypnosis

Torquay, Dec. 28.
An enterprising Briton who ran a hypnosis-by-telephone service against heavy Christmas drinking was thanked by satisfied customers all over England.

Mr Henry Blythe, 52-year-old Torquay hypnotist, asked callers to study his Christmas card photograph while he put them in a "light trance."

He said yesterday: "I asked them to contact me again after the holiday and report results. So far I have had plenty of successes and no failures."

Mr Blythe's clientele included "several women whom I can only describe as 'lipomaniacs'." — China Mail Special.

MALAYA TO FIGHT SECRET CRIME CLUBS

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 29.
A campaign to secure information about the state's 5,000 secret society gangsters has been started by the Selangor government.

The old Singapore is gone

Singapore, Dec. 29.
Italian film director Mario Russo came here to capture on celluloid scenes out of British novelist Somerset Maugham's Singapore. But he is going away a disappointed man.

"Somerset Maugham's Singapore has been swallowed up by the asphalt jungle," he said sadly. "So has its culture, folklore and way of life."

"The pace of Singapore and Malaya today is utterly with skyscrapers, modern bridges and wide highways ... and the people, they have changed their way of life, too."

Russo, who made "Roman Holiday," said the only people who hadn't changed were the aborigines, but they would not be filmed.

With a team of 12 technicians, he is making a film "World by Night" a sequel to the box office hit "Europe by Night."—AP.

Tremor shakes Peru

Lima, Dec. 28.
Residents of Ica and Pisco fled in panic into the streets, when a strong earth tremor shook southern Peru yesterday. Building corners were dislodged but no injuries were reported. The earthquake was felt here. Ica and Pisco are more than 100 miles southeast of Lima.—AP.

Coats one-fifth price at London sales

London, Dec. 28.
Bargain-hunters, including a number of men, began queuing in the frosty dawn today outside Central London stores staging traditional post-Christmas clearance sales.

Mr Vittorio Bombasaro, 33, an embassy caretaker, took up his post outside one West London department store at 4.30 this morning to make sure his wife got a coat marked down from nearly £10 to £3.

Ed Mr Bombasaro did not leave the store until the store. He gave up his place at the head of the queue to his wife Clara shortly before the shop opened at 8.45.

Second in the same queue was Mr William Connor, 47-year-old television mechanic who bought a £25 suit for £5 as a surprise for his wife, Alice.

Other stores hold their sales later this week or in January. —China Mail Special.

NEED ENGLISH TRANSLATED TO AMERICAN

New York, Dec. 28.
English as spoken in British films cannot be understood by people in the corn-belt state of Iowa and such films should therefore be "dubbed" with American English, an Iowa cinema chain operator says.

Mr Howard Field was quoted in the entertainment weekly Variety as saying: "The British pictures might as well be in a foreign language — it's so difficult for patrons to understand so much of what the characters are saying. No matter how good the picture or how well we exploit them the small town box office results are nil." —China Mail Special.

Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 28.
Archibald Cox, a Harvard professor with a long background of legal work for the government, was chosen today by President-elect John F. Kennedy as Solicitor General of the United States.—UPI.

GOT DRUNK! AND ENDED UP IN FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION

Sale, Dec. 27.
A man who failed to answer to his bail two-and-a-half years ago told magistrates here that he had been in the French Foreign Legion.

"I got drunk and ended up in France," 33-year-old Gene Raymond Smith told the court.

"Before I knew where I was I was in the Foreign Legion for five years."

Smith was jailed for a month. A police inspector said Smith had been discharged from the Legion on medical grounds with a foot injury and had been given an emergency passport and his fare home by the British Embassy in Paris.

"He was arrested in Folkestone on his way home," the inspector said. "He has only just got back from the Foreign Legion."

SKIPPED BAIL

Smith admitted attempting to take and drive away a car from a builders yard in July 1958. At the time he was disqualified from driving for five years. He was bailed in the sum of £10 to appear here on July 22, 1958, but did not attend the court.

In May 1958, just before he joined the Legion, his wife and two young children left him and went to Australia, the inspector said.

PARIS BURIED IN FOG

Paris, Dec. 28.
Aircraft bound for Paris were diverted to London or Lyons, Central France, because of fog early today, airport authorities said.

Departures from Paris were not affected and traffic is expected to return to normal later in the day.—China Mail Special.

Confounded interest

Austin, Dec. 28.
Miss Molly Allison, 54, lost her purse 32 years ago. Today she received a Christmas card with a \$5 bill in it and a note saying: "I found a purse in your yard in 1927 with \$1.50 in it. I want returning it with what I hope will be sufficient interest. Merry Christmas." —Reuter.

Diamond control

Accra, Dec. 28.
All diamonds produced in Ghana from January 1, are to be sold through the government diamond market here, the Government announced today.

The Ministry of Trade announcement said all foreign mining companies and licensed dealers on the Accra diamond market had been notified of the change.—Reuter.

Doris Day top at box office

Hollywood, Dec. 28.
Doris Day, famed as one of the movies' most wholesome stars, was named today as the top money-maker by the men who run America's theatres.

Her selection in the annual top ten poll conducted by Motion Picture Herald, the trade magazine of exhibitors, came in a year when film fare leaned heavily to so-called adult love themes.

The magazine said Miss Day won the honour by a wide margin with three pictures—

"Pillow Talk," "Midnight Lace" and "Please, Don't Eat the Daisies."

Runners-up in the balloting were, in order, Rock Hudson, Cary Grant, Elizabeth Taylor, Debbie Reynolds, Tony Curtis, Sandra Dee, Frank Sinatra, Jack Lemmon and John Wayne.

It was the first time on the select list for Curtis, Lemmon and Miss Dee, a teenage favourite.

Off the list for the first time since early in his career was

Jerry Lewis, who was placed 11th.

Glenn Ford, last year's winner, was placed 12th this year.

Only Wayne, a perennial box-office king, showed among the rugged outdoor heroes who previously had dominated the list. He was 10th.

Gary Cooper, long a favourite, did not win a place. Hudson, Grant, Curtis, Sinatra and Lemmon all scored in light comedy during the year.—AP.

James Bond

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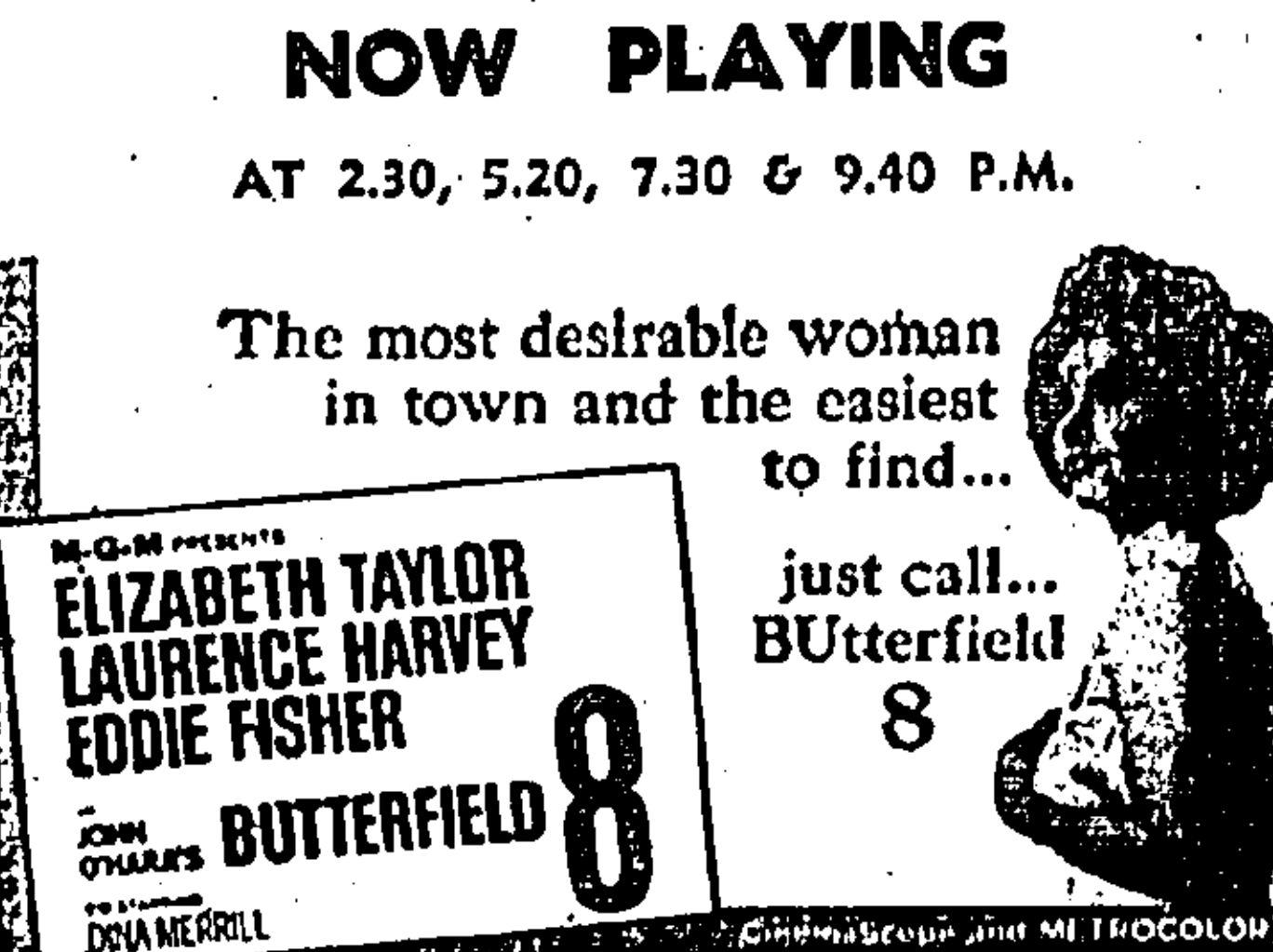


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HONGKONG MOVIELAND

BY DAVID LAN

TODAY this column takes pleasure in introducing an up and coming young star—petite Miss Ann Chang, better known on the screen as Lun Tee.

At 18, she has already nine films to her credit, playing the leading roles in them all.

Versatile and talented, Lun Tee is a three-in-one combination, being a trained ballerina, singer and actress.

Born in Shanghai, she received her middle school education. Her first ballet lessons came in Singapore.

Her father, Chang Pan-ching, a famous Chinese opera singer, was arrested by the Japanese and has never been heard of since. Her mother, also passed away in 1954.

Her elder sister, Chang Lai-lai, succeeded their father by taking up the troupe's leadership.

Whenever possible, Lun Tee took time off from school to join in the performance of the Lai Lai troupe which travelled between Singapore, Malaya and Sarawak.

"I joined in just for the fun of it and took part in singing popular songs for their music."

She said in an interview at the Mifamar Lounge last week.

In 1956 she came along with the Sun Chang Foo Circus for a performance in Hongkong.

It was then that the late film producer, Mr. S. K. Chang of Hsin Hua Motion Picture Co. noticed her talent.

After Mr. Chang died, his wife, Louise Tung, took over the film company and signed up Lun Tee for a three-year contract.

She was cast as the prima ballerina in her first picture, "The Phoenix Dance," and her last picture, "The Three Smart Girls," was a box-office hit when screened in Hongkong on May 27 this year. It packed the theatre for two consecutive weeks despite Typhoon Mary.

Ann is a rising star



ANN CHANG



LOUISE TUNG

Although mostly an extrovert on screen, Lun Tee is really a quiet type. She prefers films, and music to sports and is currently taking violin lessons from Professor Arrigo Fox and ballet lessons from Azalea Reynolds in Kowloon.

She speaks English, the Mandarin, Shanghai and Cantonese dialects in addition to Malay.

Standing five-foot-two and weighing slightly under 100 lbs, the little starlet will be leaving in mid-January for Taiwan to do location work for her new film "The Red Scarf" under the producer, Miss Louise Tung, Manager of Hsin Hua Motion Picture Co.

Lun Tee, incidentally, has already cut a score of records for the Pathe Company.

PROBABLY the most successful lady film producer in Hongkong to-

day is Louise Tung who has turned out 20 films since she took over her late husband's film concern, the Hsin Hua Motion Picture Co. in 1957, upon his death.

Miss Tung started her stage career at the tender age of 15 as a Peking opera actress and later turned into a stage actress.

She married her husband, the late S. K. Chang, theatre owner, in 1932, a year after he had organised the Hsin Hua Motion Picture Co. in Shanghai.

Since then, Hsin Hua has been turning out pictures for 29 years and with 500 films to its credit, the company has become the oldest in continuous existence in Chinese movie history.

At the peak of production, the company employed a staff of over 3,000 and owned five private studios, churning out five pictures a month for the giant market of the Chinese Mainland and cities overseas.

Of the films produced by Louise Tung, the underwater extravaganza, "The Red Lotus," and the dramas "Bloodshed on the Green Hills," and "The Blades and the Heroines," have been outstanding box-office hits.

To cater to public taste, she has produced "Knights of the Musesoleum" and "Midnight Horror," the former being a horror film and the latter, a horror picture.

In an interview, Louise disclosed that Hsin Hua will produce eight films in 1961, four in Mandarin and four in Cantonese dialects.

SHAW BROS here has been astir since the arrival of Runme Shaw from Singapore on Monday last week.

Runme, brother of Run Run Shaw, is here with his family for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

As Run Run and Runme are the two key figures of the Shaw Organisation, the meeting of the two is probably more than a mere family reunion.

For Run Run has just returned from America where he made the first real stride towards marketing Hongkong films on the American market.

He had contacted "art theatres" in USA which are interested in showing foreign films of art value to American audiences.

As a result, the Shaw's Eastman production, "The Enchanting Shadow" will be the first Shaw film to be screened in every major city throughout America in Spring, 1961.

Runme may take the opportunity to discuss with Run Run the plans and problems of entering the world market on which the Hongkong film industry may have to depend for survival and future expansion.



"TO THE BARRICADES! WE'RE IN DREADFUL DANGER OF PEACE..."

London Express Service.

ONE BIG LESSON FROM ALGERIA: TIME NOW TO END THE POWERFUL 'CULT OF THE PARAS'

Algiers. It is lunchtime and I am sitting in the bar of the Hotel St George, watching the smart people come in for their cocktails and lunch.

Outside their cars, including Jaguars, are being parked alongside the beautiful gardens.

At the same time they are still carrying out people who have been beaten up and injured in the Casbah.

There are rumours there may be some dead there, but I am unable to confirm this.

What is sure is that there have been demonstrations throughout the night and during the morning.

As if the Guards were to fix who should be the man in No. 10

Difference

It is this complete difference between one area of the city and another that appals one.

I can see people walking through the gardens.

The gardens are very beautiful—perhaps we can take credit, since they were made by an Englishwoman who married the proprietor of the last generation.

There are palm trees, tamarisks and the swallows, who probably spent the summer in England, darting backwards and forwards among the olive trees.

Contrast this with the shacks, "les Bidon Billes," in which thousands of Arabs

from DONALD EDGAR

are living their life, five minutes away by cab.

It is this dichotomy which de Gaulle has been trying to resolve.

Storm troopers

He has so much against him. The avarice of the colonists. The ambition and the fanaticism of the national movement (the FLN).

The events of the last few weeks have proved one thing: "Le Culte des Paras," the cult of the paratroopers, should end.

They have played too big a part, both in France and in Algiers.

They have become a cross between the Franciscan Guard and something approaching storm-troopers.

They have been a law unto themselves.

I saw them in operation in Port Said and admired their combat efficiency. I admired their courage.

But there is a decadence in a country when any body of troops is able to have political influence.

It is as if the Brigade of Guards were able to decide who would be ruling from 10 Downing-street.

There are encouraging signs that even among the Ultras of the French here there is a certain sense of shame that 118 people have died in the last few days.

The army itself has come out of it very well.

I have learned, this trip, how important a position the army has here.

It is a little difficult for an Englishman to understand, at first.

When just over 130 years ago the French took over Algeria, it was the army who developed it first. The colonists came later. And, since de Gaulle has been in power, the army has once again taken over this traditional task.

Selfless

Many of its officers and men are selflessly giving of their best in villages and small towns throughout the country in order to establish order and bring civilisation. Algeria for France is a strange cross between India and, say, Rhodesia or Kenya for us.

What is absolutely sure is that France under de Gaulle is investing tens of millions of pounds and much talent in trying to make this Algeria a civilised country that is willing and able to live with France.

It is a tremendous experiment. Only with good will on both sides can it succeed. And if it does, it will be something approaching a miracle.

—(London Express Service).

London: magnet to girls

WHY does London act like a magnet to the unmarried girl expecting a baby? What can be done to ease the burden on the British taxpayer, forced to help care for illegitimate babies conceived abroad? Can London's rising illegitimacy rate—double the rest of Britain—be checked?

These were questions I put to officials, doctors and welfare workers.

THEIR VERDICT? — There is no simple, quick solution short of examining all immigrant single women and banning them if they are pregnant. And that drastic step would only scratch the surface of the problem.

For the girls from the provinces, Ireland, Europe and the West Indies who have their babies in London form only half the total of unmarried mothers; and two-thirds of those are NOT pregnant when they arrive.

Only 688, out of a total 5,765 illegitimate babies last year were born to girls who came to the Big City specifically for the purpose. London's standards of morality are to blame for the rest.

Why did these girls come? Three main reasons are given to welfare workers to whom they turn.

- 1—They want to avoid scandal or harsh treatment at home, and London is a city in which it is easy to "disappear" under pretext of finding work.
- 2—It has the reputation of having the best hospitals and ante-natal clinics.
- 3—It has five big church welfare associations ready to give active help.

Persuasion

There lies the nub. The welfare organisations cannot ban them. It would be against their ethics. All they can do is to contact moral welfare workers in the girls' home districts and try to persuade all concerned to arrange home confinement or a return home afterwards.

In IRELAND — which provided the second largest batch of incoming expectant mothers in 1959—much is being done. Half the girls were persuaded to return home to have their babies.

The time a girl must wait to have her child adopted has been cut from two years to two months. And London-Irish organisations are improving their relations with each other.

in trouble

By PETER FAIRLEY

WEST INDIAN immigrants are less of a problem. Out of 8,219 West Indian women who arrived last year, 64 had illegitimate children—less than one per cent.

Loneliness

Most immigrant girls are now met at London railway termini by welfare workers, who are opening up "advice kiosks."

Many London churches hold "foreigners' nights" and are

running a campaign to persuade householders to offer hospitality.

The object is to conquer one of the biggest causes of illegitimacy—loneliness—and to foster the "family spirit."

But the welfare workers admit that the rate is unlikely to decline very much until morality in the girls' home surroundings—and particularly in London—improves. Experience has shown that it is an uphill struggle.

—(London Express Service).

THE Shaw Organisation celebrated the Christmas season with a giant party at the Paramount on December 24 when stars and staff gathered for a jolly occasion.

On New Year Eve, the organisation will hold another party at the Shaw villa in Island Road to mark the successful ending of another year of picture-making.

MR. Robert Chung, General Manager of MP & GI, played host to the company's stars and staff at a Christmas Eve party that lasted until the small hours of Christmas morning.



"Splendid news for you, gentlemen! I've persuaded my colleague not to blow you all up—but to carry on as at present!"

London Express Service.

TALKING POINTS

Eminent posts make great men greater and little men less.

—LA BRUYERE.

A man's qualities are not divisible among his heirs.

—OLD SAYING.

Envy has no holidays.

—FRANCIS BACON.

Debt is a prolific mother of folly and crime.

—BENJAMIN DISRAELI.

The whisper of a beautiful woman can be heard farther than the loudest call of duty.

—JOSEPH JOUBERT.

Hypothetical, the science of what might have happened.

—HENRY MAINE.

Take away leisure and Cupid's bow is broken.

—OVID.

—(London Express Service).

POCKET CARTOON BY FRIELL



"But he lost one col. war already. It says he was the Führer's Chief of Operations on the Russian front!"

London Express Service.

WOMANSENSE

Exposure in the Underworld!



EXPOSURE 1. Sleek-fitting petticoat, lavishly lace trimmed with seductive side slit. Here in yellow Bri-nylon (other colours to choose from). By Charnos.



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JILL BUTTERFIELD

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It's a nice round figure. It's the cost of 30 jet passenger aircraft. It's over twice the amount Britain spends on Colonial development. It's also the number of crisp notes that will crackle their way across the corsetry counters in Britain by the end of this year.

For it's the amount of money the women of Britain spend in pursuit of the latest money-making mania—the craze for laying the right foundations. And I don't mean with a trowel either.

And I think there is one big, bold reason why you'll find more linger over the lingerie counters now than ever before—COLOUR.

The strong singing shades you chose for your main fashion garments were slow to arrive in the cream and peach-coloured underworld. But in the few short weeks since they first hit the market the sales of coloured foundation garments, matching sets of lingerie have soared. The unmentionables have become very much the gilt-edged.

★ ★ ★

Mr Denzil, sales manager of the firm of Triumph, told me: "We introduced our new seven-coloured range this year and it has been a tremendous success."

But it took a woman to put her finger on the crux of the matter.

Anne Crofton, of the firm of Charnos, said: "I think women are getting so much more ambitious about their colour schemes for the simple reason that men find coloured lingerie so much more appealing."

I think she's got something there. Women may, as the psychiatrists are always trying to drum into our disbelieving heads, buy their clothes to please other women. But lingerie is purely a matter between themselves and their man.



EXPOSURE 2. Little lace-trimmed pants to match the petticoat (four different sizes and three different colours). Also by Charnos.



EXPOSURE 3. Matching yellow bra and girdle (five colours to choose from). Both by Triumph.

—(London Express Service)

JACOBY on BRIDGE

NO one could handle the Culbertson 4-5 no-trump quite as well as the maestro himself when playing as the partner of his wife, Josephine.

Jo's jump to four spades showed just what it would today—tremendous distribution and not much in high cards. Ely rather expected Jo to sign off with five spades after he asked for aces, but instead Jo showed the ace of diamonds with her five diamond bid. This enabled Ely to bid seven spades with complete confidence.

There may be other ways to reach seven, but this was sure and easy.

As stated yesterday, the Culbertson 4-5 no-trump was just a trifle complicated for the ordinary player and most experts did not like it because it could only be used by the strong hand and not always then. Meanwhile a new slam convention appeared in Indianapolis and spread rapidly through the West.

♥♦CARD SENSE♦♥

Q—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass

You, South, hold:
♠K 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♠K 8 5 4 3 2
What do you do?
A—Pass. You have very little more than a minimum opening.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Instead of raising you to two hearts, your partner has responded one spade. You have rebid two diamonds and he has gone back to two hearts. Now what do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

NORTH 10			
♠Q10842	♥96432	♦A	♣32
WEST			
♠3	♥AK8	♦QJ1075	♣864
♠10976	♥10976	♦864	♣K97
SOUTH (D)			
♠AK965	♥None	♦KQJ32	♣AKQ
East and West vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥K			

It was called Blackwood and was both effective and simple. The Eastern experts held out against it for a long while, but eventually swam with the tide and today Blackwood is universally known and almost universally used.

Rupert and the Purple Star—27



The house that Rupert has heard comes near. "There's somebody outside," he thinks. "That is not Sam's footstep. Who can it be?" Though he pulls feverishly at the lid of the iron box, it will not open. At last he grabs the precious



old paper and stuffs it under his jersey. He is just in time to straighten up as the door bursts open and a grim figure in strange clothes strides in. And who is it? "You?" growls the man. "I thought the Sailor lived alone."

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Shadows Meet Peg

—He's A Wonderful Horse With Wings—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names, were on their way to the lake in the middle of the park where their good friend King Nep lived.

Bird or bee?

It was just as they were nearing the spot where King Nep usually sat, enjoying the pale winter sunlight, that they suddenly saw something in the sky just above their heads.

At first they took the thing to be a Bird.

"It's bigger than a Bird," cried Hanid.

"No," said Knarf, "it's smaller than a Bird. I think it's a Bee."

By this time, the Bird or Bee or whatever it might be, darted

into a passing cloud and was lost to sight.

"Hi there, Knarf. Hi, Hanid!" King Nep was calling to them.

They ran down the slope of the hill to where King Nep was waiting for them.

King Nep was no bigger than a clothespin, but quite a bit fatter.

He had glowing green eyes and pearly-white teeth. He always carried a cane with three prongs like a fork.

Grown smaller

Long-long-long ago, when the world was very young, King Nep used to be the great King Neptune, the Ruler of the Seven Seas.

But nowadays most people had forgotten who he was and he had grown smaller and smaller.

"Come over! Sit down! Make yourselves snug!" King Nep said, pointing to a white stone on which the sun was shining.

"I suppose you saw him," he added.

Knarf and Hanid looked at King Nep. Their eyes looked puzzled.

In the sky

King Nep chuckled. "He was in the sky a moment ago."

"Oh, you mean that cloud?" exclaimed Hanid.

"It wasn't a Bird. It was a Bee!" cried Knarf.

This time it was King Nep who looked puzzled.

"Bird? Bee? It wasn't either. It was a Horse!"

Knarf and Hanid both shouted together:

"Then they both told King Nep, whom they liked very much, that he really oughtn't to try to fool them."

"Because," Hanid said, "every-one knows that a Horse couldn't fly around in the sky."

"Peg can," said King Nep.

Who's Peg?

"Peg?" asked Hanid. "Who's Peg?"

King Neptune explained that Peg was short for Pegasus, a wonderful Horse with wings.

"He's been flying around," said King Nep, "for hundreds of years. But most people have forgotten about him, too, so now he's not much bigger than a Seagull. But what a beautiful creature he is—a Horse with wings! Just imagine that!"

Knarf and Hanid said that they would like to get a good close look at Peg, the wonderful winged Horse.

"Peg is pretty funny," said King Nep. "Sometimes he comes flying right down and is really friendly. But most of the time he stays hidden in the clouds and won't even let himself be seen. But I'll try to coax him down just the same."

Behind clouds

King Nep put two fingers in his mouth and blew. A loud whistle came out.

Knarf and Hanid kept their eyes glued to the one white cloud in the sky.

"We'll know in a minute if he's coming back," said King Nep. "He's behind that cloud somewhere. I'm sure of it."

The next second Knarf and Hanid gasped. For down from that cloud, shining in the sunlight, came the beautiful thing that looked like a small Bird or a large Bee, but which was really a winged Horse.

Peg alighted on the rock just in front of Knarf and Hanid. And there he stood with flashing eyes and whiplike tail and



Knarf and Hanid looked at Peg in amazement.

his wings half spread out, ready to take off, if anyone should do him harm.

Won't hurt him

"Why, we wouldn't hurt you, you dear thing," said Hanid.

Knarf had a bit of sugar in his pocket. He offered it to Peg and from that moment on they were all the best of friends.

"In the good old days," King Nep whispered to Knarf, as Hanid let Pegasus fly off the palm of her hand and back again, "he was big enough to let both of you sit on his back. He could have taken you on a ride over mountains and oceans higher than the highest clouds, almost up to the moon."

Shouldn't more

"I do wish you'd grown larger, Peg," Hanid said to the little Horse. "You really ought to eat more."

Suddenly Peg spied a Policeman coming down the path. He flew away in a flash and disappeared in the blue sky.

"Peg is afraid of Policemen," said King Nep, shaking his head. "He thinks there's a rule against winged Horses flying in the park."

LADY LUCK

your
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horoscope

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): An old friend finds himself in deep water. Your advice will be helpful to ease the situation.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): In some rather delicate business negotiations it may be worth while to keep a trump card up your sleeve and not to play it until the last decisive moment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will meet a very well balanced person and feel mutually attracted. Since you are temperamentally so much alike there is a good chance of a lasting association.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Faced with a rather awkward choice between favourable alternatives, you will have to make up your mind which one promises greater ultimate success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A casual remark by a stranger may have seemed to apply to you, but it should be ignored since it was not meant for you at all.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Aspiring to a new career, you must start with a clean sheet and write off all previous failures.

LEO (July 22-August 31): Forget the unpleasant experience you have had recently. There seems very little point in crying over spilt milk.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): A change of scene would be advisable for you since you seem to be a bundle of nerves these days.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): News of a friend overseas will come as a bolt from the blue. You ought to get in touch immediately.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): A chance will present itself to get even with a person who has been annoyingly sarcastic; but don't overdo the revenge.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): At a gathering tonight you will find yourself up against an awkward situation, but with tact and good humour you will be able to put matters right.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Sharing your enthusiasm for the arts with an understanding companion will increase your knowledge and enjoyment.

LUCKY ENCOUNTER: If this is your birthday, a meeting with a woman named PEGGY may have some special significance.

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THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 RACES
(There will be 10 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day)
On the 1st Day the First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race will be run at 12.00 Noon. The 11th Race will be after the 11th Race (1.30 p.m.).
On the 2nd Day the First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.
The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an Admission Badge will be admitted. Admission Badges must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$25.00 each per day are obtainable only on the written introduction of a Member. Admission Badges may be obtained during office hours from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (Facing Statue Square); 5, D'Aguiar Street, King's Road, North Point and 382 Nathan Road. ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE ON SALE AT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

Members, Ladies wearing Ladies Brooches, and their Guests must enter the Members' Enclosure by the entrance to the Members' Stand.

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The price of admission will be \$10.00 each per day payable at the Gate. Admission Badges will be issued and they must be prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.
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On the 2nd Day any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$10.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be available in the RESTAURANT.

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Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each for the 1st Day, \$10.00 each for the 2nd Day and \$30.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (Facing Statue Square); 5, D'Aguiar Street and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.
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Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th December CLOSED
and Monday 2nd January
Saturday 7th January 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th December, 1960.

FEAF rugby XV open tour

FIRST MATCH AGAINST COMBINED SERVICES AT CLUB GROUND TONIGHT

By "PROP"

The Far East Air Force Rugby team open their short tour in Hongkong tonight at the Club Stadium with a match against the Hongkong Combined Services side. Two other games have been arranged for the weekend.

On Saturday, the victors under the name of Singapore Services will play the HK Civilian Selection and on Monday the Colony side.

Brilliant debut by McLachlan in Sheffield Shield

Adelaide, Dec. 28.
Playing his first game for South Australia, 23-year-old Ian McLachlan hit a brilliant 188 not out on the last day of the Sheffield Shield match against Queensland here today.

McLachlan's innings, described as the finest seen at Adelaide Oval since the war, was the highlight of South Australia's gallant effort to avoid an innings defeat.

Queensland had scored 547 in their first innings, and had dismissed South Australia for 108. Following on, South Australia made 474, leaving Queensland to score 36 to win, a task they accomplished without loss to win by ten wickets.

McLachlan and 20-year-old Bob Lloyd, also making his Sheffield debut, put on 208 in 230 minutes for the fifth wicket. Lloyd scored 65.

Scores were:
Queensland: 547 (P. Burge 240, K. Mackay 156, N. Daniele 5-81) and 36 for no wicket.
South Australia: 108 and 474 (I. McLachlan 188 not out, L. Favell 89, B. Lloyd 65).—China Mail Special.

Rinaldo rated as most improved boxer for 1960

New York, Dec. 28.
Italian light-heavyweight boxer Giulio Rinaldo, who recently beat world champion Archie Moore, the United States veteran, in a non-title fight, was designated by Ring Magazine today as the boxer who made the most striking progress in 1960.

The Italian, only one of the second-ranked light-heavyweights in 1959, was ranked second only to Archie Moore in the 1960 end-of-year Ring ratings. In 1960 Rinaldo had successively beat Samie Amonti (Italy, first round knock-out), Leon Jansen (Holland), Germaine Ballarin (France), Donnie Fleeman (U.S.) Johnny Hualafini (Tonga), and then Moore.

"No other world boxer can boast of a record like this over the past 12 months," Ring commentator Jerry Jones stated of Rinaldo.—AFP.

First innings lead for MCC tourists

Napier, Dec. 28.
The MCC touring side finished the first day of their two-day match against a Combined Hawkes Bay side 88 runs ahead on the first innings with six wickets in hand.

Scores were: Hawkes Bay 121 (D. R. Smith 3-10).
MCC 182 for four (W. E. Russell 60, D. E. V. Padgett 55, W. Watson 52 not out).—China Mail Special.

NOTICE

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

6th Race Meeting 1960/61

Owners are reminded that Declarations of starters and riders for the First Day close at the Secretary's Office, Happy Valley, at 10.00 a.m. on:

Sunday, 1st January, 1961.

By Order of the Stewards,

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Hong Kong, 28th Dec., 1960.

A moment of triumph



Suspense and then a moment of triumph as Aston Villa's goalkeeper Sims makes a flying full-length save to keep out Sillett's penalty-kick. Chelsea were beaten 2-4 at Stamford Bridge in this English League First Division match.

Orange Bowl Junior Tennis results

Miami Beach, Dec. 28.
Japan qualified for the second round of the Orange Bowl Junior Tennis Teams Tournament here today by defeating Peru by three matches to nil.

Other first round results today were:

Sweden beat Mexico 2-1.
Cuba beat West Germany 2-1.

Belgium beat British West Indies 2-1.
Brazil beat Denmark 2-1.

Australia beat Israel 3-0.
Netherlands beat Colombia 3-0.

Spain beat Canada 3-0.
Argentina beat Chile 3-0.

ATP.

FRANK MISSION REPLACES IAN MECKIFF IN AUSTRALIA'S TEST 12

Sydney, Dec. 28.
Frank Mission the New South Wales bowler replaces controversial fast bowler Ian Meckiff in the list of 12 Australian players nominated for Friday's second Test match against the West Indies at Melbourne.

Meckiff injured the Achilles tendon of his heel in the first Test at Brisbane and it was announced yesterday he would not be fit for Friday.

Mission, a 6ft. 3in. medium pace bowler, is about as fast as his State team-mate Alan Davidson though he lacks the

guile and change of pace of the easy Davidson.

He had an analysis of four wickets for 35 for New South Wales in their recent win over the West Indians. He gained these figures in the first innings showing better control and more zip off the pitch than he had done previously this season. He did not bowl in the second innings.

Mission's replacement of Meckiff is the only change from the 12 from whom the first Test side was selected.—China Mail Special.

Fiorentina in European Cup semi-finals

Florence, Dec. 28.

Fiorentina (Italy) reached the semi-finals of the Cup-winners' European Cup soccer tournament when they beat Lucerne (Switzerland) 6-2 in the second leg of their quarter-final tie here tonight.

Florentina led 3-1 at half-time. The Italian side won the first leg 3-0 in Lucerne on November 23 and so qualify on a 6-2 aggregate to meet Dynamo Zagreb (Yugoslavia) in the semi-finals.

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K.O. PUNCH!

It was after midnight. Outside the Albert Hall darkness draped the cold and silent streets. The last open-topped omnibus had gone rumbling home and, apart from a few West End revellers, London was asleep.

But under the vast baroque dome of the Albert Hall, one of the most glittering audiences the prize ring has known sat fascinated yet aghast as they watched the end of an era... the downfall of an idol.

For this was the night of January 18, 1921; the night when Jimmy Wilde, giving away more than 20 lb., fought Pete Herman of America for 17 pain-racked rounds.

It was the night when the Prince of Wales—now the Duke of Windsor—peers, society women, MPs, and the whole meaty mass of fight fans in the cheaper seats came to see the matchless Welsh fly-weight tackle the American bantam king from New Orleans.

The magnetic, almost icy quality of Jimmy Wilde which drew and held everybody—from princes to pickpockets, from lords to labourers—has never been equalled even in the violent and garish world of boxing.

To understand the universal appeal of this wall-like figure who looked as if he had just escaped from an orphanage, we must plunge back to the golden age of boxing before the Great War—to the Rhonda Valley, with its frowning slag-heaps and sullen pileheads, where Wilde was born.

DESPAIR

Here a man had to fight to live.

Here, on a grinding pitance of two shillings a day in the mine, men knew little else but half-fled bullets and the bleak brooding anger of despair.

And here, amid squalor and poverty which withered and rotted the soul, this pallid mite, this freakish rag-end of a kid grew up.

When he was little more than a stone he was already bowling them over.

When he was a shade over six stone he was fighting in the booth, tackling all-comers and toppling men twice his weight.

On one crowded day this walking skeleton calmly floored 16 out of 17 men, then went off for a cup of tea and a cake.

Spectators who had come to laugh stayed to marvel. They looked at the parchment skin, at the thin, spindly neck, at the pinched, sickly cheeks, at the arms and legs no thicker than matchsticks, and they shook their Welsh heads in amazement.

How they asked incredulously in their blithering, musical voices—did the little gnome do it?

No one, least of all his dazed and confused opponents, could tell them.

Pete Herman (right) kept up a non-stop attack... but Wilde would not go down



For Jimmy Wilde defied all natural laws.

In his prime he stood exactly 5 ft 1 1/2 ins. The circumference of his wrist was 6 1/2 ins., his tiny biceps were 1 1/2 ins., his forearm 8 1/2 ins., while his weight hovered incredibly between 6 st. 12 lb. and 7 st. 4 lb.

Yet, there he was slithering and sliding uncanonically around the ring, dissolving like a mirage before the frustrated onslaughts of his bewildered opponents and then knocking down men several stones heavier than himself with a right hand straight out of hell.

In London, where, inevitably, Wilde arrived one fine day in search of a rackful of golden guineas, the same fantastic pattern unfolded.

At first, when the Welshman with the mule kick in his frail twigs of arms presented himself at the offices of the various promoters, the laughter was loud and prolonged.

HIS GENIUS

One leading matchmaker even went as far as to swear that he was "not going to be mixed up with murder."

Indeed, it was not until Jimmy Wilde cracked out Young Nipper in 45 seconds on his first sensational appearance at the old Blackfriars Ring that the cynics and wisecracks were jerked upright in their chairs. Then the experts began to realise that here was a ring genius who was as unique as his own fingerprints.

After that Wilde, with his sad, unsmiling features and quiet grey eyes, so devoid of fire and vivacity, rocketed to the top.

He won the fly-weight championship of the world from the Zulu Kid.

He was given bizarre and outlandish nicknames like The Human Hairpin... The Mighty

Atom... The Tylorstown Terror... The Furious Freak... and—most colourfully authentic of the lot—The Ghost with the Hammer in his Hand.

And he brought his total of contests since he first began in the boxing booths of Wales to the eye-blinking tally of more than 850, WITH ONLY TWO DEFEATS.

This, then, was the fabulous boxing legend, the pet and pride of all Britain—who, on that tense night in January, 1921, moved out in the fateful 17th round to face the finest bantam-weight living—Pete Herman, the swarthy kingpin from the U.S.A.

Around the ringside where the cigar smoke plumed up from the 10-guinea seats... back in the main body of the hall... and high in the galleries the clamour was stifled as a white froth of anxious faces craned forward.

WIFE HELPED

For, unbelievably, something had gone wrong. Their wonderful little wrath with the unrefined art and nonchalant skills, was in bad shape... a poor, tottering parody of the magician they all knew.

Gone, under Herman's ceaseless hammering, was the peculiar, flat-footed shuffle which, time and again in the past, had enabled the Welsh wizard to scud sweetly out of danger.

Gone, too, was the split-second sense of distance, the perfect punch timing which Wilde had perfected years before—when using their bedroom as a gymnasium, he practised for hour after hour with his young wife, Lisbeth, who wore a protective shield.

In the second round, Herman thumped, square-jawed, nailed Wilde with a cross to the chin which would have dropped a welter-weight.

Wilde, giving away five years and nearly two stones—he was

The thrills of great fights... the eclipse of champions... the K.O. punches that made boxing history... They are all recaptured in an absorbing new series starting today with the dramatic story of the night when Jimmy Wilde, 'The Ghost with a Hammer in his Hand,' went down to glorious defeat

By ALAN HOBY

Tears—at the downfall of a boxing idol

know—that Wilde was weakening; that the sands of time and fortune were running out for the fragile, preposterous little man at the ringside stood and went.

There was one final flurry of point-scoring magic in the 15th round from the rapidly fading Welshman whirling right in the 16th had Wilde quivering on the precipice. And, suddenly, that entire, rapt audience knew that the end had come for Jimmy Wilde.

As the bell tolled the 17th round, Pete Herman, dislodging the defence at which he was such a master, shot from his corner.

SPINE-CHILLING

There was no ducking, no weaving, no dodging. Just that pain-tipped, clumping right as it spilled the Welshman over the canvas for a count of seven.

The whole arena—men and women—winced as the blow seethed home.

But Wilde, his eyes blurred and unfocused, WOULD NOT STAY DOWN.

With the Albert Hall as silent as a morgue, he got up—to run slap-bang into another paralyzing right hand.

Spine-chilling in its speed, delivered with every chunky ounce of Herman's 120-odd pounds, this was the clincher, the "settler."

It sent Wilde's stringy body crashing through the middle ropes and the back of his head hit the edge of the ring with a sickening thud.

It reduced Wilde to a crumpled heap and led to those



JIMMY WILDE today—he is 68, weighs 10st. 5lb. and lives in retirement in Barry

frightening spasms of concussion which softened him up for his last world title fight with Pancho Villa two years later, when he was knocked out in seven rounds.

But even at this point, with his head swimming and legs like jelly, Wilde heaved himself upright, only to go down again for a count of five.

And this time referee Jack Smith, sweeping aside his protests, collected Wilde in his arms and carried him away to his corner.

"I'm sorry, Jimmy," said Jack Smith in a phrase which has become immortal. "but I've got to pick you up because

you don't know how to lie down."

As the once-Mighty Atom slumped exhausted on his stool, men at the ringside stood and went.

Others unable any longer to bear the sight of Wilde's eclipse after such an exhibition of courage, made for the exits. And as they spilled out into the night the arguments raged and the inquiries began.

How had it happened? What was behind this calamity, this terrible defeat—only the third in Wilde's career?

The tragic truth was that, although Wilde received £8,500 for this fight, destiny—at last—had turned against The Ghost with the Hammer in his Hand.

Before the contest had even begun there had been, near-

AN UPROAR

A barrage of hooting had erupted from spectators in the cheaper sections when they found that inefficient light had obscured part of the ring from their view.

Yet, simultaneously with these scenes, another uproar had broken out downstairs in Wilde's dressing-room.

For Wilde and his manager Teddy Lewis had discovered that Herman was overweight; that, instead of weighing in at the ringside in the evening as Wilde's contract stipulated—and as the Welshman had done—Herman's agreement had allowed him to mount the scale at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Prince of Wales sat in the ring-side seats

This meant that the powerful American had the whole afternoon to eat as much as he liked and to come in at what weight he pleased in the evening. It was too much for Wilde, flushed and tight-lipped, refused to budge from the rubbing-table. The match had been made at 8st. 6lb. and either Herman weighed in again or there was no fight.

In the end, one factor, and one factor alone, saved that night of turbulence and disorder—the presence in the Albert Hall of the Prince of Wales.

Jimmy Wilde, sitting there livid, and upset knew this—just as he knew that however mountainous the odds against him, he could not disappoint the first member of the Royal Family ever to grace a prize fight in a public capacity.

Suddenly, he jumped up, and cried: "Shut up, all of you... I don't care what Herman weighs. I'll do it for the Prince, but no one else." Then face lined and grim, grey eyes staring ahead, the fly-weight champion of the world marched out of the room to certain and crippling defeat...

NEXT THURSDAY:

The dark avenger

—London Express Service

CLIVE GRAHAM IN INDIA

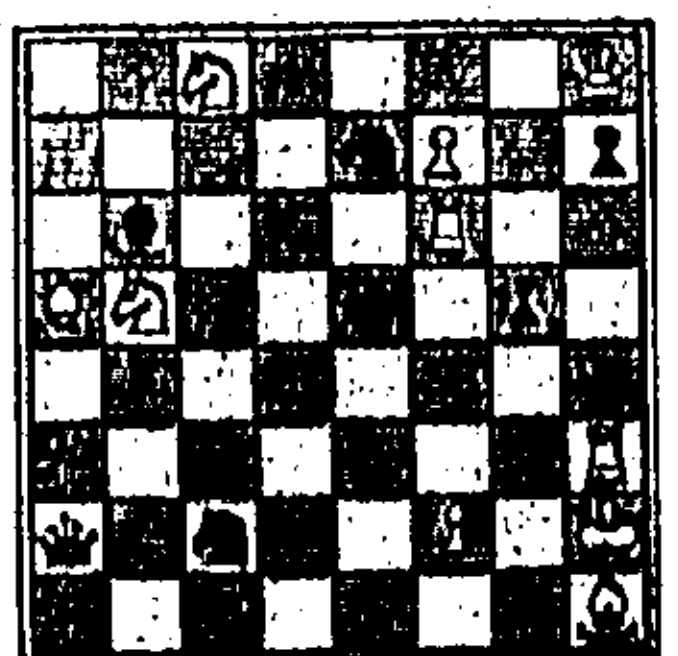
'Patched-up' veterans keep flag flying

Main theme of conversation here for this visitor concerns the Queen's visit on Friday, February 24.

The occasion will be celebrated by the running of the Indian St Leger and the specially

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by J. O. Radley (Manchester City News, 1920). White to play and mate in two moves.

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Instituted Queen Elizabeth II Cup.

You may read caustic comment on this Cup because it is for Class IV Indian-breds—horses little better than selling-platers.

But it has been chosen as the race most likely to attract the liveliest competition for the horses available—and it will carry the equivalent of £2,000 in prize money.

'Unique event'

"It should be a unique event of its kind," says Mr. R. R. Rula, Bombay's chief steward.

"With only some 350 horses training in the stables here, we have had to go for the most suitable medium." The Queen may see one of her Sandringham-bred cast-offs in action.

This is Monkshead, a six-year-old half-brother to Aureole, now owned by the Maharajah of Gwalior. But she is unlikely to see him win, for he has become a "rogue."

back. When his jockey hit him he sulked and refused to run.

The winner here, of the Homi Mody Cup, was another expert horse, seven-year-old Golden Herd, originally named Accumulator and trained by Walter Nightingall.

Among the unplaced was the eight-year-old Court Marshal horse Naval Honour—also once in Nightingall's yard.

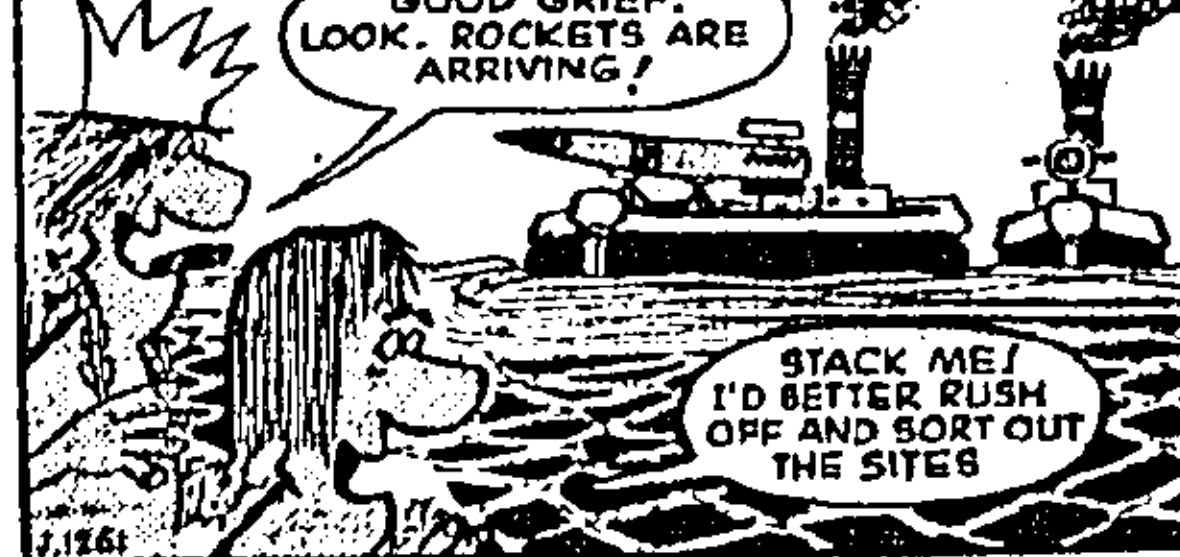
Another formerly well-known performer to cost us some rupees was Spen Valley, running in the colours of Mr. M. P. (10th of March) Davis.

Do you remember this horse finishing close second to Rustam for the 1935 Champagne Stakes at Doncaster? He has lost his form (I should think his legs pain him, to judge by their appearance), for this feature now happens in a Class III event.

Curiously, restrictions here severely limited the importing of horses from England. If a licence could be obtained it would be granted only to a maximum of 250. So owners have to patch up and make do with the veteran. —London Express Service.

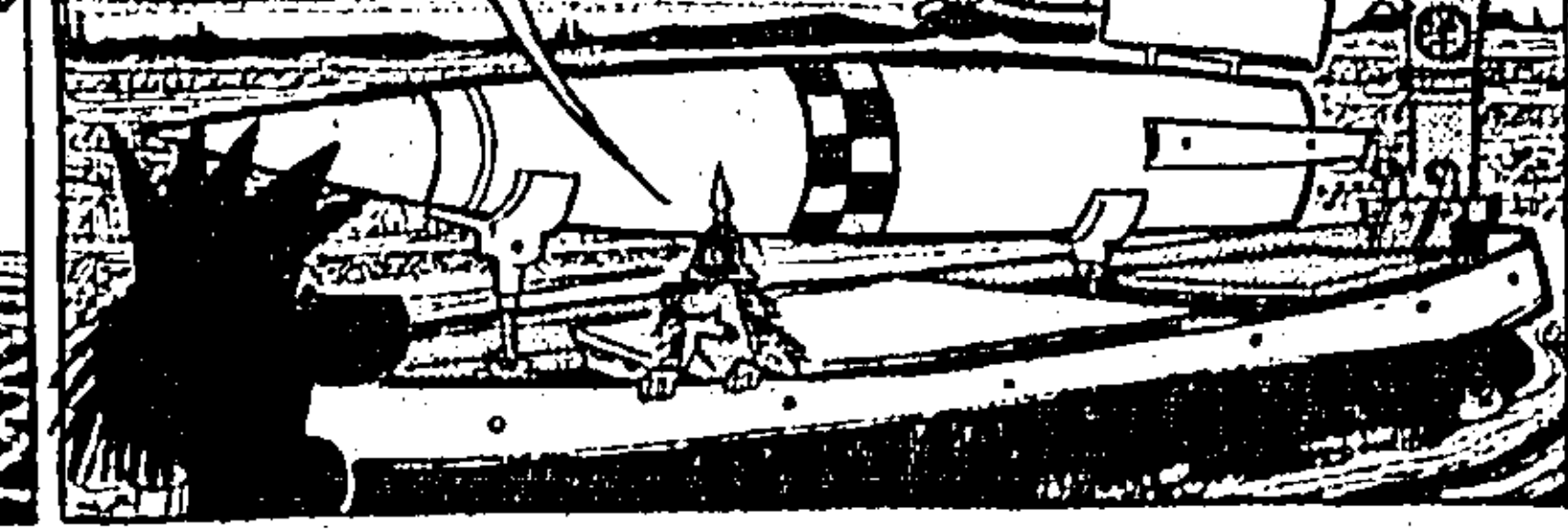
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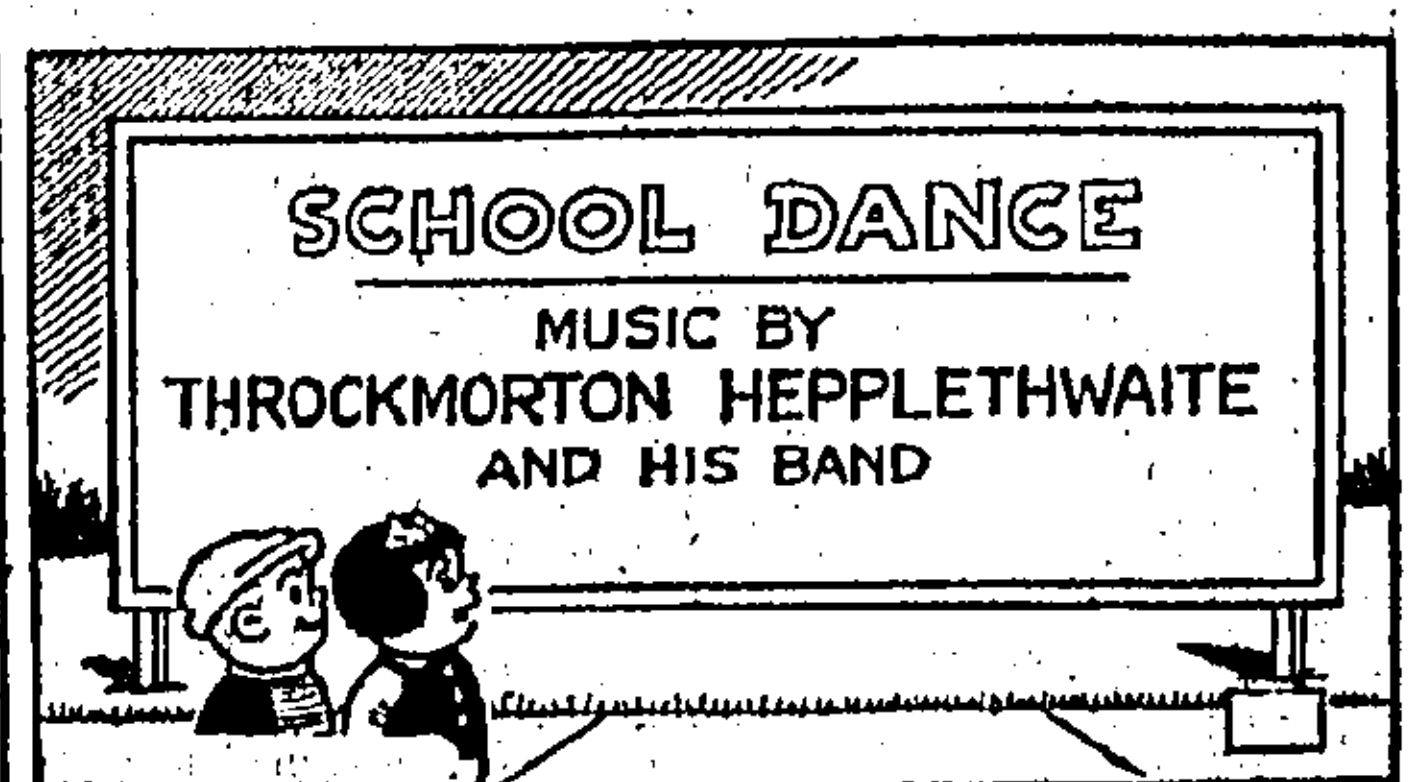


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The prospects for 1961 under review GLOOMY OUTLOOK FOR ASIA



SUNKIST MAN ON BUSINESS VISIT

Mr. Russell Z. Eller, Advertising Manager of Sunkist Growers, Los Angeles, arrived with his wife by JAL yesterday on a business visit.

During his stay here, Mr. Eller will study the possibilities of advertising oranges, lemons and grape fruit.

At the airport to greet the Ellers were Mr. Michael Gobey, wife of Far Eastern representative of Sunkist Growers, Mr. M. Silva and Mr. Chan Hon-ki.

The couple will leave by air for Bangkok and Singapore on Saturday.

Danger signs seen in cold war threats

Singapore, Dec. 28.
It would take a real optimist to predict anything but trouble ahead in South-east Asia in 1961.

Economically, the general outlook is fairly good in these struggling new nations ranging from the chilly mountain border of China to the hot winds of the Aradura Sea north of Australia.

But political developments and cold war threats are the danger signs. Although they could fade in this area where compromise is frequent, the trends and seeds of trouble are hard to dispute.

And over the whole picture is the growing shadow of China—a nation that made something of a public relations comeback of China to the hot winds of the Aradura Sea north of Australia.

Here is a country by country picture:

Laos—Even settlement of the civil war won't end the danger in the long run. The nation caught in the vice of cold war politics.

The pro-Communist Pathet Lao, aided from neighbouring North Vietnam, remain a potent threat. This would be true if they became part of a coalition government or work in guerrilla bands ranging the jungles and rice lands.

SOUTH VIETNAM

South Vietnam—Although overshadowed by the Laos fighting, the situation in this American-backed land has taken a serious turn.

North Cong. terrorists, moving in from Communist North Vietnam, have launched a wave of killings and sabotage matching the dying days of French rule. A thwarted coup attempt by paratroops in November dramatised discontent with President Ngo Dinh Diem's autocratic rule. Many Vietnamese feel reforms are needed to head off further more serious trouble and raise the government's prestige abroad.

"Cambodia—Neutralist Prince Sihanouk is still the nation's popular strongman, and he is still rumbling dancing between the West, Russia and China, accepting aid from all sides. It would be difficult for his enemies to oust him, but a bomb blast in the Royal household last year demonstrated what could happen.

THAILAND

Thailand—Premier Sarit has shown deep concern over the switch toward leftist neutrality in neighbouring Laos, even to the extent of hinting that Thailand might go alone in military action without waiting for SEATO if the Thai feel a serious threat of communism.

At the same time, strongly anti-communist Marshal Sarit added a new dimension to the internal scene by agreeing (vaguely and just in principle) for closer economic and other relations with Russia.

Marshal Sarit's health is still a serious question mark in the future of this country dominated by one man rule and once noted for its frequent coups.

Indonesia—This world's sixth largest nation has indicated it plans to vigorously press its claim to Dutch West New Guinea. The Dutch have rushed reinforcements to combat what they say is increasing infiltration by Indonesian agents and even armed units. Some feel the situation, increasingly explosive. Chances for a political settlement were dim, although the United Nations could step into the picture in the event of trouble.

ABSOLUTE POWER

Internally, Indonesia drifts with President Sukarno holding absolute power, critical and chronic economic problems, chronic armed revolts still smoldering, and low public morale. Opponents and many observers say there is virtually no chance for change or improvement until the powerful, 59-year-old Sukarno passes from the scene. Most opposition groups have been outlawed and are now just waiting.

The bitter dispute with Peking over Indonesian treatment

of overseas Chinese faded as the year drew to a close.

Philippines—1961 is presidential election year and this event is always marked by colour, bitter charges and sometimes violence. President Carlos P. Garcia, with the Nationalist Party machinery behind him, is favoured, especially if the opposition is split among several other candidates as is likely. In a two-man race Vice-President Diosdado Macapagal of the opposition Liberal Party would give him a close race, concentrating on the issue of graft and corruption.

BURMA

Burma—The return of Premier U Nu and civilian government after 18 months of efficient army-directed rule has led to mounting economic problems and lessened efficiency. The problems are expected to grow as popular U Nu continues efforts to prove that parliamentary democracy can survive.

Settlement of a border agreement has brought a new era of friendship with China that could broaden trade and other relations. After improvement under army rule, the security situation is again a major problem. Bandit activity by Communist terrorists, regional rebels and Chinese Nationalist stragglers has been on the upswing.

Malaya—This is the real bright spot in the Southeast Asian picture over the past year and is expected to continue so in 1961. Malaya has isolated its remaining few hundred Communist terrorists to jungle pockets across the border with Thailand. All-important rubber prices may sag but are not expected to hit the critical stage, the Premier Tengku Abdul Rahman, retains strong political control and elections are three years away.

SINGAPORE

Singapore—Healthy rubber and tin prices plus brisk trade made 1960 a good year for this tiny island trading colony, but behind this still lurked the urgent need to find jobs for Asia's fastest growing population (1.6 million) crowded in a 24 by 12-mile island with no natural resources. Slow progress was being made on a campaign to lure new industry.

Sarawak—This Borneo colony, one of the last outposts of Britain's Asian empire, saw the stirrings of political activity with a militant leftist fringe in 1960. More important there were revelations of strong Communist activity among the large Chinese groups. The two developments made the situation worthy of close observation in the year ahead.—AP.

CHEQUE FOR BLIND

Mrs. E. Morgenstern, Superintendent of the Ebenezer Home for the Blind, this morning received a cheque for \$1,705 from Mrs. L. Huebner and Mrs. L. Huebner.

The money was raised at a Christmas party organised by Dr. H. H. Heilbeck, German Consul, and will be put to the furniture account for equipping the Home's extension.

Miss Morgenstern said that the blind children had moved into the new quarters just before Christmas.

These buildings were made possible by the Royal Hongkong Jockey Club but \$500,000 was needed for equipment for the new five-storey building which would include kindergarten and Cantonese, English and middle school classes, dormitories, assembly hall, laundry and occupational rooms.

When complete, there will be room for 200 boys and girls and 70 day pupils.

Accused of bullying MAN SLASHED IN JAIL ROW

A prisoner, serving a two-year sentence for drugs possession, slashed another prisoner on the face because the latter had "bullied and assaulted him," the Victoria District Court was told this morning.

Passing a 30-month sentence on the prisoner, To Yuching, 31, for wounding, Judge W. F. Pickering remarked that To might have been provoked by the injured person, but that did not justify slashing him with a razor blade.

The injured person, Sit See-kwong, 35, now serving a term for robbery, had 29 stitches over two deep cuts on the left cheek and jaw.

IN WAITING ROOM

Chief Inspector Charles Smith, prosecuting, told the Court that the assault took place in the waiting room in the Stanley Prison Hospital on the afternoon of December 9, while the prisoners, including the accused and Sit, were awaiting dental treatment.

A prison warder heard a cry and saw blood streaming down Sit's face. The accused was immediately restrained and in his right hand a razor blade was found.

When interviewed by prison officers, the accused said he had slashed Sit because he had bullied and assaulted him on several occasions.

To had 15 previous convictions, mostly for drugs possession.

Judge Pickering ordered that To be served the 30 months sentence after he had completed the present sentence for drugs possession.

Hit man who refused to pay for newspapers

A 37-year-old newspaper hawkker, Wah Man, who hit another man with an iron bar for reading his newspapers without paying, was bound over in \$100 for one year by Mr. J. M. S. Donnell at North Kowloon Court this morning.

Defendant who lives at 418 "K" Block, Tai Hang Tung Resettlement Area, sixth floor, pleaded guilty to common assault.

Sub-Inspector G. M. Dorman, prosecuting, said that on Boxing Day, the defendant was selling newspapers outside the Wan Wan Tenhouse at Tai Po Road near Nam Chang Street, Shamshuipo.

The complainant, Li Sal-kit, approached defendant and took two newspapers into the tenhouse where he read them and then returned them.

Defendant asked for twenty cents from Li but Li refused to pay. Defendant took an iron bar and hit Li on the forehead.

Business visit

Mr. D. H. F. Arcourt-Rippingdale, General Manager of International Computers and Tabulators (India) Ltd, left in the morning for Bombay after a business visit to Hongkong. He was accompanied by his wife.

Round trip

Mr. Warren Mitchell, Regional Director of Pan-American World Airways, Inc. in Japan, Korea and Okinawa, arrived with his family in the afternoon from Yokohama on a round trip.

High-class residential area plan for NT

A layout plan for the development of Tai Wai Village near Sha Tin, into a high class residential district has been prepared by the Public Works Department, a Government spokesman confirmed today.

The plan has been the subject of discussion between the New Territories Administration and the local rural committee.

However, no decision has yet been taken to finalise the scheme, the Government spokesman added.

The village is situated near the tip of Tolo Cove about a mile southwest of Sha Tin station. It lies between the railway and Tai Po Road.

The plan aims at beautifying the resort-like district.

Besides the highway and railway, two new roads will lead from Sha Tin to Wong Tai Sin across the hills, and to Tin Wan respectively.

From the Files

25 years AGO

December 1935

A fine of \$250 with the alternative of two months hard labour was imposed upon Wong Pak-ming, male, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday to a charge of possession of 500 heroin pills at Canton-road on December 7. Inspector Portation stated that defendant was arrested on information. The pills were confiscated.

APARENTLY the large tiger that was seen last week in the vicinity of Mui Sze Lam village, three miles from Ma On Shan, has made its way towards Kowloon for it was observed by three British soldiers in the early hours of Saturday morning on the Tai-po road in the Laichikok district.

According to a police report the soldiers were driving in a car from Kowloon returning to their camp at Sheung Shui when they saw the beast which leapt over the bank towards Laichikok and disappeared.

It is believed that on Wednesday evening the tiger mauled a buffalo. A calf which was with the buffalo disappeared entirely.

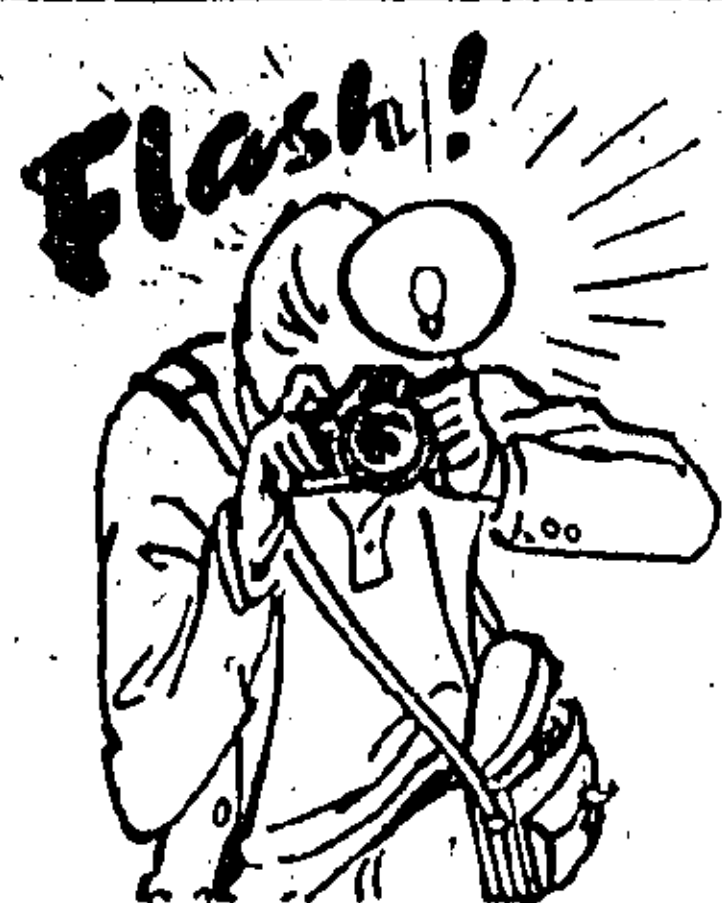
The only tiger to be shot in the Colony was killed at Lung Kwat Tau on the Sha Tau Kok road by Mr. D. Burroughs, then ASP (New Territories) and Mr. C. D. Martyn, of the British North Borneo Service on March 8, 1915.

Earlier on the same day, Police Constable E. Goucher, who in company with Police Constable W. E. Hollands had endeavoured to shoot the beast, was mauled and died from his injuries.

The tiger also killed a Chinese villager and Police Constable Rattan Singh before it was eventually shot.

The possession of a weapon resembling a pencil, designed to discharge cartridges containing gas, was admitted by Lam Yau, aged 19, washerman of the Kwong Fat Laundry, Wanchai when he appeared before Mr. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Defendant pleaded that about two months ago he took the pen from clothing which had been sent to wash by a sraman of an American gunboat. He did not know the contents of the pen. The magistrate decided to bind the defendant over in a bond of \$500 to come up for judgment in one year. The weapon which the magistrate described as being very dangerous, was confiscated.



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Visiting son in Hongkong

Mr. Paul Bordwell, retired Vice-President of American President Lines, and Mrs. Bordwell, arrived in the S. President Wilson from the United States to visit their son, Mr. Jack H. Bordwell, Managing Director of Muter and Phelps (China) Ltd. The Bordwells will spend 10 days here before travelling to Singapore to meet their other son, Mr. Paul Bordwell Jr.

Crippled jet lands

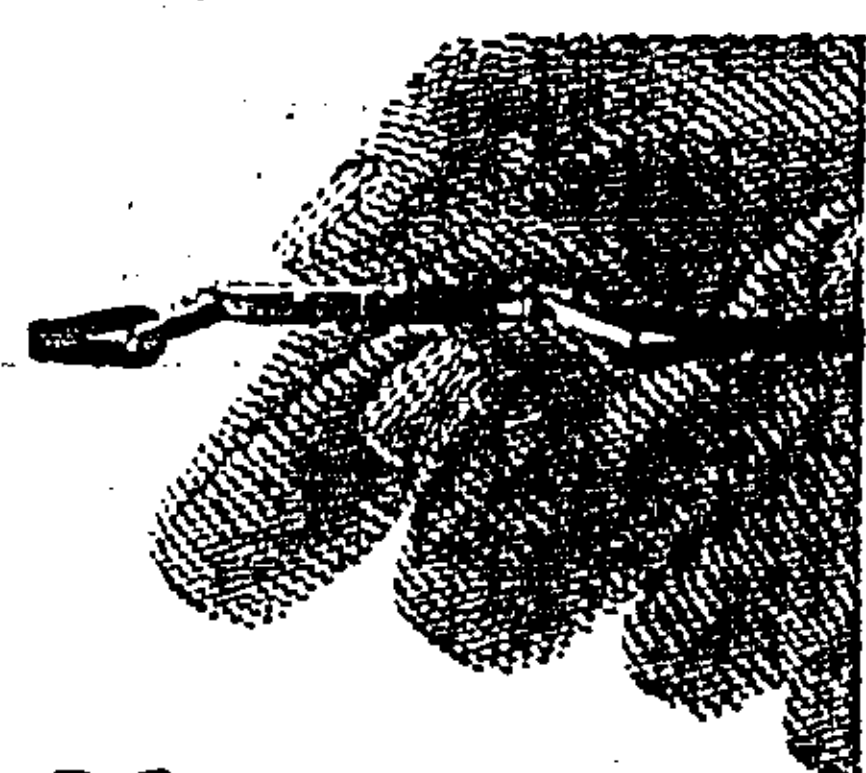
Sydney, Dec. 28.
Fire tenders and ambulances stood by the Kingsford Smith airport at Mascot today when a Boac comet jet airliner, with 33 passengers on board, landed safely on three motors.

The captain of the jet cut off No. 1 motor two and a quarter hours before landing because instruments indicated a sharp rise in oil temperature.

The jet, from London took off from Darwin soon after dawn.—China Mail Special.

London, Dec. 28.
Sir Winston Churchill had a quiet family Christmas at Chartwell, his home in Kent, a member of his staff said.

Sir Winston, who broke a small bone in his back in a fall at home on November 15, was now "much better,"—China Mail Special.



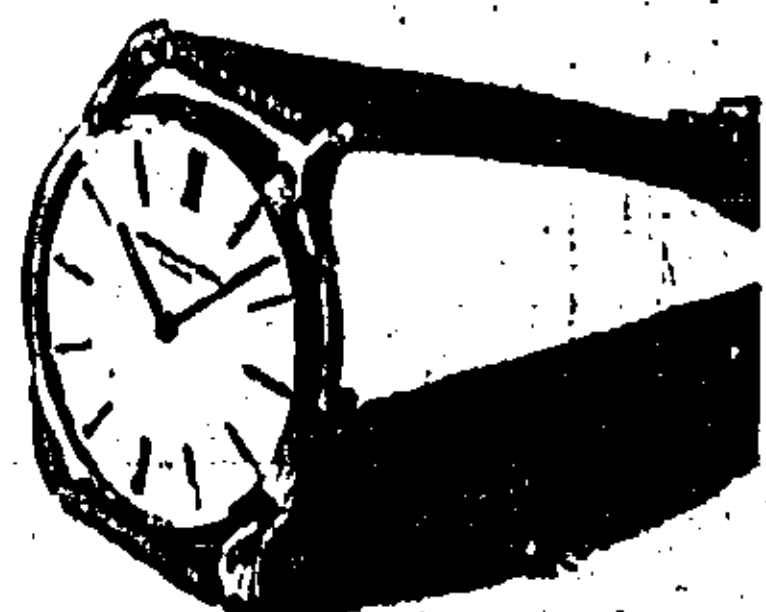
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